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SUBJ: U.S.-MEXICAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT

EMBOFF RAISED MATTERS OF BONDING ARRANGEMENT, LICENSE RENEWALS,
AND ADDITION OF BOATS TO LIST OF 141 WITH MEDINA NERI,
WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:

1. INDIVIDUAL U.S. FISHERMEN WHO WISH TO POST \$1,600 CASH
DEPOST OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE OR CASH PERFORMANCE BOND
MAY DO SO WITH MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICES IN GULF AREA AND
MEXICAN FISHERIES OFFICES AT SAN PEDRO AND SAN DIEGO.

2. LICENSE RENEWALS AT SEA BY MEANS OF AN AGENT, AS
PREVIOUSLY PRACTISED, NOW AUTHORIZED. MEDINA NERI NOTED THAT
PRINCIPAL AIM IS COLLECTION OF LICENSE FEE AND PRESENCE OF
VESSEL MASTERS IS NOT CRUCIAL. HE NOTED THAT VESSEL MASTERS
OR OWNERS SHOULD, HOWEVER, ADVISE THE PERTINENT MEXICAN
OFFICES IN ADVANCE WHO THEIR AGENTS ARE.

3. REGARDING POSSIBLE ADDITION OF BOATS TO LIST
OF 141 VESSELS AUTHORIZED TO FISH INSIDE 12 MILES
PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT, MEDINA NERI EMPHATICALLY
AGAINST. HE NOTED THAT NORMAL ATTRITION BY MEANS OF LISTED
VESSELS SINKING OR WEARING OUT WAS FORESEEN IN COURSE
OF RECENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT REDUCTION RATHER THAN
MAINTENANCE OF 141 FIGURE IS DESIRABLE FROM GOM POINT
OF VIEW.

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4. MEDIA NERI ADVISED EMBOFF THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE
ARRANGEMENTS TAKING PLACE IMMEDIATELY BY WIRE TO PERTINENT
MEXICAN OFFICES AND CONSULATES.
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